



Village of Stamford

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To Residents of the Village of Stamford,

August 22, 2018

As residents of Rural Upstate New York, we live among the wildlife indigenous to the area which can be both a blessing and a curse. The benefits are regular sightings of a wide variety of birds, as well as four legged wildlife such as deer, bear, raccoons, skunks, woodchucks, porcupines, fox, feral cats, squirrels, rats, and mice. We encourage several of these critters to come into our village by feeding them, particularly birds, but in doing so we unwittingly encourage nuisance critters to take up residence. Currently we have regular visits from black bear, feral cats, and rats. We create these problems by providing both habitat and food sources for these animals. As residents and stewards of our municipality it is our responsibility to make a collective effort to mitigate this problem.

We ask for help and cooperation from homeowners, landlords, and tenants to hopefully solve a few of these problems. In particular:

- ***Please cease all bird feeding and clean up piles of birdseed debris from under your feeders for at least the next 60 days.*** Bird seed, and suit feed attracts bears, skunks, squirrels and rats. Though we delight in seeing birds in our yards, they have more than enough natural feed from mid-April through the end of October. Feeding birds through the summer and early fall months is causing a rapidly growing problem in the village, specifically with rats;
- ***Please take a walk around your property and look for piles of rubbish, stacks of old lumber, piles of sticks, lawn debris and the like.*** All of these provide perfect habitat for rodents, particularly, rats, squirrels and chipmunks;
- ***Please do not leave dog and cat food outside of your house.*** Dog and cat food attracts feral cats, rats, skunks bears and squirrels;
- ***Clean up all piles of garbage that have accumulated outside of your house or apartment*** and store all garbage in trash cans with tightly sealed lids;
- ***Skunks are attracted to garbage and bird seed, but also to grub worms.*** When you notice tens to hundreds of small holes dug into your lawn, you have skunks visiting your yard to feed on grubs. This can be controlled by purchasing grub control products and apply them to your lawn. There are natural ways of controlling grub worms as well. I found several remedies with a quick web search.

The Village of Stamford is taking action to address the problem with unwanted wildlife by asking for your cooperation as residents, and by contracting with a licensed nuisance wildlife control operator and trapper. He will be building and placing bait boxes in areas where we are having problems, in particular with rats. We ask for your understanding and cooperation as we work through these issues.

Thank you for your cooperation,


John J. Bonhotal
Deputy Mayor, Trustee



Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to
Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]*

June - August

Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your **Water**, **Sewer**, and **Tax** payments
on our Website at: www.stamfordny.com

Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

NEW 9:00AM - 1:00PM

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